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CALIFORNIA'S PRIMARY.

In the primary contest in California today the rule which has prevailed in Maryland will be in force. The candidate getting the preference vote will receive the entire 25 delegates of the state, had the same law governed in Massachusetts the 35 from that state would have all been delegates for President Taft, which would mean a uniformity on this point in all the states in a spirit of fairness.

California has an uncertain contest on today for several reasons. Only one of the presidential candidates has done any personal work there. La Follette has covered the state and it is expected that he will have a big influence on the statewide vote. President Taft should carry San Francisco and gain by the vote of the progressives being divided between Roosevelt and La Follette. Governor Johnson, one of the famous seven, has done his utmost for the Colonel.

A big factor in the contest will be the vote of the women for the first time in a national contest. It is an uncertain quantity with no precedent to go by, but the Taft administration has been one which would appeal to them and it would not be surprising to see them casting their ballots for him. They have a big vote in California. The contest is therefore of much importance to both sides. It will be a big boost for whoever gets the delegation. They both need it, but Roosevelt has the greater need for it; however, that will have little to do with the vote.

PRINCETON'S PRESIDENT.

The selection of a university president involves no easy task, but the choice of Dr. John Drier Hibben as the head of Princeton university was an excellent decision. There is always plenty of good men to trust with the serious problems of a university in its wide field of usefulness, but it is not so easy to pick out the one who best measures up to the special requirements of an institution which has stood for two centuries and has distinctive and substantial policies. The aim, of course, is to avoid the embarrassing and in the selection of Dr. Hibben such a contingency has been avoided.

In making him the fourteenth president of the university an alumnus of the institution has been selected and one who for 21 years has been a valued member of the faculty. He is therefore equipped with all the qualifications which such close association with former heads can endow him. His achievements, his fidelity to the traditions of the university, his high scholarship place him in the rank with his predecessors.

As one of the historic centers of learning, Princeton is among the leaders and can point with pride to the long list of men of prominence who have secured their impetus from within its walls and carried forth its teachings for the benefit of the nation. It has always maintained a wise and conservative policy, and maintained quality. Dr. Hibben's exceptional provided with the talent to continue it.

WRECKING FOREIGN TRADE.

Foreign trade is the outlet for the excess of manufactured goods which this country produces. Already it is large and growing in certain countries, but the opportunity for further extension should not be blighted. The action taken by the house at Washington in withholding an appropriation from the bureau of trade relations is going to mean a serious handicap in their work if it passes congress. This legislation would nullify the work of three years in a direction which the country is bound to look. In considering this reactionary move which is promoted by economy the statement of Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson should not be overlooked when he says that "it will absolutely put an end to dollar diplomacy" which in the three years it has been maintained has brought to the United States in trade \$1,000 for every dollar spent by the state department. The saving of the \$60,000 which will be effected in salaries should not be thought of for a minute in the face of the destruction of business it will cause. At such a time as this when there has just been organized a national board of trade to endeavor to keep pace with foreign countries in supplying information for business opportunities, it would seem the height of folly to cut off the benefit of the government service in that very direction after an existence which shows its value and which will become more valuable each year. It is believed that the senate will promptly check such a plan. It is economy at the expense of efficiency instead of a combination of the two.

In 1884 Roosevelt was a member of the New York Free Trade club and one of a committee of 15 republicans to reduce the tariff in the seven and a half years he was president he did not recommend a reduction of the tariff upon a single article.

C. R. Crane of Chicago is the last to be credited with saving in financing the Roosevelt campaign with a half million. It will be remembered his appointment as minister to China was revealed by the president. More wealthy spite.

Colonel Roosevelt is being implored to help Cincinnati, Ohio, because it is the home of Taft. Common courtesy would require such an omission, but that is where the Colonel is likely to get the least reward for his impetuosity.

When we learn that Kansas has had 250 towns deserted in the western part which is 14 times as many towns as Connecticut ever had, Kansas seems to be Levathan in size if not in history.

A twenty-mile, spiral ride to reach a two million dollar hotel on the top of Mt. Washington that will accommodate several hundred guests is the latest summer resort prospect.

COMMITTEE WILL BE BUSY.

Far from a peace conference will be the session of the republican national committee at Chicago. It looks as if it would have plenty to do both before and during the convention, no small feat of which will be the settling of the dispute over contested delegates. By the end of this month the papers in all the contests must be before the committee. According to Senator Dixon the delegates instructed for Taft whose seats will be contested are: Alabama, 2; Arkansas, 2; District of Columbia, 2; Florida, 12; Georgia, 20; Indiana, 12; Kentucky, 16; Louisiana, 20; Michigan, 6; Missouri, 2; South Carolina, 4; Tennessee, 14; Virginia, 22. These total 144 and have been carried in contested list by the Roosevelt manager to injure the president, detract from his strength and influence coming conventions. They have no merit, the delegations being unquestionably Taft delegations and there is no doubt they will be seated, though it will mean a fight.

Thus far no selection for the temporary and permanent chairmen of the convention has been made. No names have been urged except that of William Root, though he would hardly be the man of snap and quick decision which the convention needs. Few men capable of holding the office have been named as delegates, though ex-Vice President Fairbanks is among the Indiana delegation. The results of the next two weeks will put the committee in a position to decide these matters with certainty, but men of national prominence are naturally looked for as the presiding officers.

WASTING HUMAN LIFE.

As a protection to human life on the high sea more extensive provisions than ever before are being made since the Titanic disaster. The loss of the 1600 souls which in a few hours were swept into eternity was too awful a lesson to let it go by unheeded. It was the suddenness of it all which appealed, for as every year goes by the waste of human life goes on in very much greater numbers, but covering a larger period less is thought of it. The interstate commerce commission has compiled figures showing that steam railroads alone, during last year killed 10,223 persons in the United States, while the injured numbered 155,000. These were, however, only 214 passengers killed, the others being employees, 3,322 and trespassers, 5,332. This is, of course, a large number of deaths and shows that 65 per cent. of them result from trespassing on the railroad property. Many more trespassers than employees and passengers were killed, denoting that the careless habit of walking the railroad tracks is the greatest cause of railroad fatalities. It can hardly be urged that better highways would keep people off the tracks for they are attracted there by a double purpose. They are mostly those going from one point to another and the railroads invariably offer the shortest route, while there is the added chance for jumping a freight. Though the railroads are responsible for many of the deaths and injured persons, yet there rests upon the public the responsibility for trespassing on the dangerous path, and the number grows larger each year.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Instead of getting it done, investigations into the high cost of living seem to push it higher.

Happy thought for today—Those who do not want what they can't get are skipping a lot of worry.

Who is going to be credited with the first straw hat tomorrow? It doesn't seem so, but the time has arrived.

That pall of taffy must have been as sick as the proverbial politician to have had the department of agriculture pass it as law.

The thoughts of a resumption of the coal strike in England will also cause misery enough without its actually taking place.

The Pennsylvania coal miners vote today for or against the terms of settlement of the threatened strike. Let it be for settlement.

Mayor Fitzgerald, speaking for Boston, says Roosevelt is not deserving of mercy, and Boston doesn't say she is being misrepresented.

The Brooklyn preacher who has discovered that the crack of doom is due in 1912 must have mistaken the Panama canal as an evidence of it.

Those who believe in a safe and sane government have begun their campaign. They must be believers in a safe and sane government, too!

It must have been a rude shock when the governor of Rhode woke up in 1912 that instead of capturing 1000 Italians he had been captured.

There does not appear to be a great demand for the restoration of the old one-half cent and three-cent coins, if business is preparing the way for them.

The recent in Massachusetts shows only what was a certainty before, that Taft carried the state delegates by a great majority as he did the primary.

Elihu Root, who has been highly commended for statesmanship and judgment by Roosevelt is for Taft. It is time for the Colonel to point out his failures.

The new three-cent piece is likely to take the place of the nickel in the pocket of the traveler. The economists make their most persistent effort at that point.

Love messages to sweethearts in the navy by ladies are interesting with business and are to be cut out. Chiving it takes a back seat for ladies, but business never.

Atlantic liners are now leaving passengers when the life boat equipment is not sufficient to accommodate all. Two months ago this would not have been considered.

When the pretty girls in a New York factory strike because the homeboys were not given an equal show it is putting abashed above beauty with a vengeance.

It would have been more in keeping with the Christian code to have left Roosevelt with his Maker on Sunday, instead of having three paid attendants at work upon him.

Mrs. Crane made some startling statements but a poor witness before the government committee regarding meat inspection. Most of her testimony was hearsay.

THE BULLETIN'S SHORT STORY.

SUITABLE TO THE SEASON

"Good morning, Mrs. Hubbard," said the next door neighbor from her back porch. "I see you have your curtains down. Are you going to move?"

"No, indeed," was the emphatic reply. "I've begun housecleaning." She fluttered a white handkerchief over the porch railing and allowed the breakfast crumbs to fall on the sudden grass below. "I've no patience with people that move every year, just for the sake of moving. It's surprising how many do that very thing. I've seen many looking at flats this spring. I've looked at a good many myself. I think it's a woman's duty to keep herself informed on the subject of flats, since she passes most of her time in one."

"Whenever I go into a flat that's occupied I always ask the tenant why she's leaving. Almost invariably it's because she has been seized with the moving fever, simply because her neighbors are moving, or maybe because she's seen another flat that she covets. We moved last year and the year before that and many times besides, but it was my husband's doing, not mine."

"Your husband never struck me as being one of the dissatisfied kind," the neighbor commented.

"Mr. Hubbard wouldn't be the man to be," Mrs. Atkins, if he hadn't a wife who understood him thoroughly. "I quite envied you last week when I saw a man beating your rugs in the yard so much less responsibility, you know."

Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Atkins walked down the boulevard she looked longingly at the new apartment building. As she passed the door her neighbors, the Hubbards, emerged.

Mrs. Atkins observed smilingly to Mrs. Hubbard: "Been informing yourself some more?"

Mrs. Hubbard nodded her head delightedly. "It's all that you claimed for it," she declared. "My husband feels that he's just got to have that beautiful expanse of wall in the living room for his photographs. Don't you, dear?"

"The wall is all right enough," Hubbard said, a bit reluctantly. "But surely you're not serious about putting up stakes again, Patsy?" he added.

"Why, Dick, the rugs and the curtains have gone to be cleaned and the rest won't be any trouble at all to move so long as you are pleased, dear boy," Mrs. Hubbard cried with loving reproach. "We'll move next week. I can't sleep I've seen your beautiful pictures on that big, nice wall," Chicago News.

IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

If you suspect you are a fool, and if you would rather be hated than found out, it is a good plan to be sarcastic.

If you secretly detest anyone, and are too great a coward to slap his face, be sarcastic.

If you want to cause misery to those who are weaker than yourself, and you dare not pinch them or pull their nose for fear of what people might say, be sarcastic.

If you like to make your children wretched because their big spirits offend you, or because you realize you are utterly incompetent to govern them, be sarcastic.

If you feel bad, are irritable, sour tempered, or suffer from indigestion, and you want to make some one suffer out of pure spite, be sarcastic.

If you find that you cannot convince any one that you are right, and if you want to make him miserable even if you can't worst him, be sarcastic.

If anyone is better, wiser or handsomer than you, the most satisfactory way of venting your spleen is to be sarcastic.

Sarcasm is a great comfort to egotistic, sensitive, cowardly and petty souls.

"It seems to me," said Paul Derjardine, "that sarcasm is simply the attitude of minds that do not want to express what they think, or do not themselves know what they think, or think nothing."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The War on Flies.

Mr. Editor: Soon the war on flies will begin, and it promises to be the most destructive war in the annals of modern times. I am sure that if Napoleon were a boy today his thirst for glory in the taking of life and gaining possessions could be honorably satisfied. And Jean of Arc, if she were one of our girls, could march at the head of a fly brigade with flying colors and carry the trophies of war, to sell them for enough to keep her in caramels and chewing gum, at least. All along the fighting line reports indicate that the contest will be carried on even more ferociously than last year. The last report of local interest is that the Western authorities have decided to use the most modern method for flies, the price proportionate to the high cost of living.

About a billion flies are known to have been destroyed in the swatting campaign of 1911. And all kinds of devices have been invented and every inducement has been offered the boys and girls to enlist in this patriotic service. It is said that the Boy Scouts of West, Kaa, inaugurated the massacre in 1911, and are more thoroughly equipped for it this year. They went at it in a systematic way and were aided by dealers and town and city authorities.

There was the rake brigade, the gunnysack brigade and the hauling brigade, and there were officers to see that the work was well executed. The town fathers, and the mothers, too, knowing that boys and girls are generally as hungry as flies—especially after school—whetted the thirst for noble endeavor by giving the children a public dinner, and this showed, of course, that the patriotic consciousness had been awakened on the fly question.

More than five thousand boys and girls took part in a two weeks' swatting campaign throughout the country, which resulted in the destruction of more than seven million flies, as well as the invention of the most effective flytrap.

The Washington Star, for instance, offered \$100 in prizes and from time to time gave suggestions for catching flies. When the children got through with their labors there were, of course, no flies on the editor and his suggestions were of course, worthy of being copyrighted.

One paper box maker furnished boxes for the departed, but no plates for the boxes were necessary for no one cared to identify the flies. It was simply known by all concerned that a girl was to be considered to contain 1000 and in that way each captor received due credit for his work daily in the Star. The boy who won the highest prize—\$25—had captured a company of 25, and beat his most successful competitor by almost 10,000 flies.

Another interesting thing was learned by this experience. One little girl brought captured the larger part of her flies on her baby brother's face, for ladies, you know, are sweet little creatures, and "more flies can be caught by sugar than by cheese." We are told. Another child found that a dead fly was still more attractive to a live fly, and one invented an elaborate trap that electrocuted every fly that

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